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1. VEB Leuna-Werke "Walter Ulbricht," Leuna, Kr. Magdeburg, is subordinate to the Ministry for Heavy Industry. Deputy Minister Dr. Werner Winkler, Toepehanna (fnu), and Lindstrom (fnu) are the Ministry officials responsible for its operations. The enterprise employs about 24,000 persons, some 8,000 of whom are engaged in production, 10,000 work in the workshops (Schlossereien), about 2,000 are sales personnel, and 4,000 technicians. Some 3,000 additional production workers are still needed to service newly installed equipment. Production work is conducted on a three-shift basis.
2. The Leuna-Werke has three large production areas, a) artificial fertilizers (ammonium sulphate, ammonium hydroxide), b) gasoline (hydrogenation), and c) methanol. The Low-Pressure Department produces among other items, a) F-coal (activated carbon) for sale to other enterprises for gas purification, b) ammonia bicarbonate for export to the Satellite Countries [redacted] and c) ammonia in liquid and gas form, ready for sale. The Gas Laboratory in this department tests the quality of the gases produced from the lignite and the coke delivered to the Leuna-Werke for processing by 70 gas plants in East Germany.
3. The 1955 Plan for the Leuna-Werke was not fulfilled during the first quarter of the year. [redacted] not enough gasoline could be produced because of a lack of crude oil. However, during the second quarter of 1955, the plan was about 102% fulfilled.
4. In August 1955, three generators were being constructed at the enterprise, one a Winkler-generator for gas production and the other two, Brassert-generators for the manufacture of synthetic gas. Experiments were also underway for reconstructing the boiler housings used in the gasification process. This work is the outcome of orders from a Berlin planning office requiring Leuna to change over to Salzkohle by 1960 for its gasification work because the Geiseltal coal supply is dwindling. Salzkohle is found near Merseburg on the eastern side of the Saale River.
5. The professional group employed at the Leuna-Werke, the technicians and

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and scientists, is made up in part of older persons carried over from the IG-Farben Industries who are merely waiting for retirement since their pensions are paid [redacted] Younger 25X1
 academicians, who have accumulated only a few years toward retirement with IG-Farben, are in part being dismissed since they are given no individual contracts. The remainder of the group consists of very young chemists who have received their degrees since 1945. There are very few SED members among the intelligentsia, nor is the SED hold on the workers particularly strong. The Kampf-gruppe in the enterprise is very small. Even the SED functionaries complain about losing their free time in operating the security service which the SED instituted in the enterprise.

6. The following is an organizational outline of the Leuna-Werke and some of the names of officials in the enterprise:

Direction

Enterprise Director:	Wolfgang Schirmer (came from Piesteritz in 1954)
Production Head:	Dr. Dieter Sundhoff
Machine-Technical Head:	Director Dr. Wirth (fnu)
Commercial Head:	Wilke (fau)

Low-Pressure (Niederdruck) Department

Head:	Dr. Schroeter (fnu)
Repair Department:	Ober-Ingenieur Sommer (fnu)

High-Pressure (Hochdruck) Department

Head:	Dr. Muenzing (fnu)
Repair Department:	Ober-Ingenieur Raber (fnu) for high-pressure Ober-Ingenieur Gleitz (fnu) for compressors

Hydrogenation (Hydrierung) Department

Head:	Dr. Schick (fau)
Repair Department:	Ober-Ingenieur Wenzel (fnu)

Salt Department

Head:	Dr. Willfroth (fnu)
Repair Department:	Ober-Ingenieur Dr. Pfeiffer (fnu)

Organic Department

Head:	Dr. Loewenberg (fnu)
Repair Department:	Ober-Ingenieur Richter (fau)

Research (Versuchs) Laboratory

Head:	Dr. Schmeykal (fnu)
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Material Testing Department

Head:	Dr. Firzonirsky (fau)
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Enterprise Inspection (Betriebskontrolle)

Head:	Dr. Holm (fnu)
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Chief Workshops (Hauptwerkstaette)

Head:	Ober-Ingenieur Meyer (fau)
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Power Department

Chief Dispatcher for Power:	Ober-Ingenieur Mueller (fnu)
Head of Electrical Plant	Ober-Ingenieur Fenner (fnu)
Head of Steam Power House (Zentrale):	Ober-Ingenieur Binneweis (fnu)

Labor Direction

Head:	Dr. Herbert (fnu) SED member
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Cadre Department

Head:	Kohler (fnu)
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Legal Department

Head:	Dr. jur. Mueller (fnu)
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Commercial Department

Chief Bookkeeper:	Trautwein (fnu)
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SED Kreis Directorate

Kreis Head:	Heinz Schwarz
Deputy Head:	Kurt Nagel

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